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'Intelligence' Budget Is Still Mostly Hidden

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President Carter has promised to make public this year the total figure for an "intelligence" budget that will run from \$7 billion to \$8 billion.

But you could spend the entire year sifting through the fine print of budget documents without finding out how he reaches that figure.

That is because this year, as in years past, spending figures for various elements of the nation's farflung intelligence operations will be hidden away under other names in budgetary nooks and crannies of other programs.

While Carter has said he would make public an overall figure and his director of intelligence, Adm. Stansfield Turner, has agreed, the administration remains opposed to breaking down the total into any further detail.